

of the Anti-Slavery Society are incontrovertible, - not excepting
the doctrine of Immediatism, as I interpret it, & according
to the construction which some of the professed friends
put upon it. But ~~there is an idea connected with the~~
doctrine means with some abolitionists, & generally with
their officers, I do not feel prepared to adopt it, nor
yet positively to reject it. From the position in which
I am placed, I shall expect if I am discovered to get a raking
from the fires of both parties: but that I can't help.
For the present I must stand where I am; & if I am
not brushed away before the two parties rush together I
shall probably be found upon such an emergency
with the Abolitionists. My dialect, I perceive, is becoming
somewhat belligerent; but, dear Sir, I assure you
I do not feel so. We shall gain nothing on this, or
any other subject but by cool & temperate discussion.
Let the truth be told, & told plainly; & if it is done
kindly, it will produce good effect. It may be
told in such a way as only to irritate.

Respectfully yours
Editor of the Intelligencer

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Dear Sir,

I would not have delayed a reply to your inquiries on the subject of Abolition so long, but that I have been determined to give my views on the subject more particularly in the Intelligencer; though it seems that some ^{as the Publisher informs me} of our readers, have been shrewd enough to guess ~~out~~ ^{out} my sentiments, & supposing me an abolitionist have withdrawn their names from our list. By the way, I ought to say of the Publisher, who is sole proprietor, that he has engaged in this from benevolent considerations, & has said to me repeatedly, "Take such ground as the cause of truth & the good of the Churches demand, without regard to the effect on my subscription list. If the paper can not be sustained in this way it had better be given up". He is publishing it now at considerable exp; but the list is increasing. So you see that I am not fishing for subscriptions. ~~And~~ most certainly I wish this paper so to be used as to accomplish most good; & am wishing that the advocates of any important subject should be heard in its columns, under these restrictions; that ~~what~~ ^{what} they have to say, must be said as briefly as possible, & in a cardinal Christian spirit. I know not how the churches are ever to be enlightened to their duty on any ^{of this kind} subject, unless there can be discussion.

I cannot give my own views in this matter in a single sentence, nor is it perhaps needful that they should be more distinctly published. I may say however in confidence that my sympathies I trust are with the poor slave, & with his friends; & if he has any friends I believe they are among Abolitionists; & yet the Abolition cause is, in the judgment of the community so identified with the extravagances of a few men, that I have hitherto felt a reluctance to being identified with the cause. It seems to me that the great principles